

MIDWAY, UTAH

Naomie Alice Vail Burgener was born April 5, 1889, at Midway, Utah. Her parents, John Riley Vail and Alice White Vail moved to Thayne, Wyoming when she was real young. Then they moved to the Yellowstone Park where her father helped to clear brush and make way for the Mammoth Hotel that was built later close to the Old Faithful Geyser.

Her first schooling was at the Big Horn Basin now called Byron, Wyoming. Later they moved to the Teton Basin where her father built a home at Chapin Fremont Co., Idaho. They lived here for eleven years.

They then moved to Midway, Utah where she met and married George A. Burgener. They were blessed with three children, all girls. Mrs. Burgener was appointed Postmaster by H. Hays, July 15, 1921.

It was a small fourth class office, but it advanced to almost triple in size and on July 1, 1945 it advanced to third class and Mrs. Burgener was re-appointed by Harry S. Truman as Postmaster November 17, 1945.

The town owned the building. Then they decided to remove the building and build a larger building the Post Office was moved a block away until the building was completed. Then the office was moved back in a part of it and Mrs. Burgener was permitted to live in the back part of the building until she retired April 30, 1959. She was Postmaster for 38 years.

She purchased a home $\frac{1}{2}$ block from the Post Office where at present she takes care of her home and yard and raises beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Burgener was a Charter Member of the National Association of Postmasters. She never missed a state convention and has attended seven National Conventions. She enjoyed her work as Postmaster very much and says she misses the visits she had with her friends and neighbors since she retired.

Kay Probst was born and reared in Midway, Utah. When people ask us where it got its name, we just say it's such a pretty little town, we feel like we're Midway to Heaven. Kay married a gal (NaDene) from across the valley and they are the proud parents of three daughters and three sons.

Kay received his appointment as Postmaster June 21, 1963 and loves every minute of his work. He enjoys meeting people and is a special friend to every little kid in town.

The office is in a good location. Right in the middle of town and on the same block with the school, the town offices and recreation hall, and the Midway 2nd Ward Chapel. At present it is a third class office, but is steadily increasing in volume.

Prior to becoming Postmaster, Kay owned and operated a dairy farm. He has served his country in the U.S. Navy, filled a L.D.S. Mission in Canada. He worked in the Bishopric in our ward for nine years and is presently serving in his tenth year on the High Council in Wasatch Stake.

Kay Probst

